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SUBJECT: APRIL 30 INDOCHINA PRESS SUMMARY

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1. ALL PAPERS FEATURE RESUMPTION OF BOMBING ON MEKONG EAST BANK ACROSS FROM PP. AP REPORTS FANK TROOPS SECURE AREA WITHOUT OPPOSITION, BUT COMMUNISTS ONLY PULL BACK INTO NEARBY MARSHY AREA. US JET ACTION BECOMES PP SPECTATOR SPORT.

2. SUPREME COUNCIL SAID TO BE CONSIDERING HANG THUN HAK, OP KIM ANG, SOK CHHONG, AND SON NGOC THANH FOR PREMIERSHIP. ALL PAPERS REPORT LAM'S NEWS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT GVN REFUSED LON NOL REQUEST FOR VNAF AIR SUPPORT IF US BOMBING SUSPENDED, ON GROUNDS SAIGON DOES NOT WISH UPSET NEGOTS WITH PRG. LAM REVEALS GVN HOLDING SECRET TALKS WITH PRG AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD.

3. SECOND SULLIVAN- THACH TALK HELD TO PREPARE HAK- THO MEETING. THACH SAYS THEY DISCUSSED "WHOLE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS," BUT DECLINES SAY WHETHER PROGRESS MADE. SULLIVAN EXPECTED RETURN TUESDAY TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND HAK. US OFFICIALS IN PARIS CONFIDENT HAK- THO TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE (NYT, WP, NYDN).

4. AFP (WP) REPORTS FROM SAIGON THAT NEWSWEEK'S RON MOREAU AND TWO FRENCH JOURNALISTS WHO HAD NOT BEEN HEARD OF

FOR TWO WEEKS HAVE RETURNED TO GVN- CONTROLLED TERRITORY. NHAN DAN CHARGES GVN ELECTION PROPOSAL ONLY "SMOKESCREEN" DESIGNED DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SYSTEMATIC US- GVN C- F VIOLATIONS (WP). GVN SAYS VIOLATIONS ON APRIL 28 SECOND LOWEST SINCE TRUCE BEGAN. GVN TO RELEASE 400 CIVILIAN PRISONERS TO VC AT LOC NINH, INCLUDING TRAN NGOC CHAU AND BROTHER. VC TO RELEASE 294 AT BINH DINH (NYT, SUN).

5. SUN'S POTTER, IN PARIS, REPORTS GVN OFFICIALS BULLISH ON SVN FUTURE. POINT TO LACK OF COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFENSIVE AND POLITICAL STRENGTH OF GVN MANIFESTED IN DECISION TO PRESS FOR ELECTIONS AUGUST 26, AND GOF RECOGNITION OF RVN AND NOT PRG ON EQUAL BASIS WITH HANOI.

6. EVANS/NOVAK (WP), IN BINH DINH, NOTING THAT NVA THIRD DIVISION CADRES HAVE BEEN DEMOBILIZED TO FILL CIVIL POSTS IN COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED HAMLETS, SAY THERE SHOULD BE NO LINGERING MISCONCEPTION THAT THIS IS CIVIL WAR. WHAT  
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STARTED AS SOUTH VIET INSURGENCY WAS LONG AGO TAKEN OVER MILITARILY BY NVA REGULARS. HANOI HAS PLACED NORTHERNERS AS POLITICAL ADMINISTRATORS IN HANDFUL OF HAMLETS IT CONTROLS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN SVN, SUGGESTING THAT NVA -- NOT VCI -- CONSTITUTE HEART OF INSURGENCY. INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS SEE TWO DRV OPTIONS IN BINH DINH: CUT SVN IN TWO WITH CONQUEST OF PROVINCE, OR CONTINUE HARASS VILLAGE

RESETTLEMENT, THEREBY UNDERMINING CONFIDENCE IN GVN'S  
ABILITY TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS. ROGERS

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